



# Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

## Priest's Petition for Bishop's Consent to Solemnize a Marriage after Divorce or Annulment (*Canon I.19.2a*)

DATE OF REQUEST	PROPOSED DATE OF MARRIAGE	MEMBER OF PETITIONING CLERGY

CONGREGATION, CITY

PREFERRED EMAIL OF PETITIONING CLERGY

Bishop Logue, I petition for consent to solemnize the marriage of

Name \_\_\_\_\_

List the dates when any and all prior marriages ended in divorce or annulment

dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this person has not previously been married

and

Name \_\_\_\_\_

List the dates when any and all prior marriages ended in divorce or annulment

dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this person has not previously been married

*Where "No" is indicated, please attach a full explanation.*

Yes  No I have met in person with both parties. They are engaged in a satisfactory program of premarital counseling led by a counselor who is experienced in working with those who are divorced and are discerning re-marriage.

Yes  No Each party has signed the Declaration of Intention.

Yes  No At least one of the parties is baptized.

Yes  No I have inquired of the couple whether they have consulted another priest of this church regarding the proposed marriage. If they have, I have consulted that priest prior to submitting this petition.

Yes  No I have examined the final decree(s) of divorce or annulment. I certify that based on my examination the prior marriage(s) is lawfully dissolved.

- Yes  No In my judgment the couple intends a true Christian marriage.
- Yes  No I have discussed with the couple their readiness for Christian marriage.
- Yes  No In my judgment each has realistically faced and evaluated the causes of the failure of the previous marriages.
- Yes  No I am satisfied that each party has an adequate continuing concern for the previous spouse and appropriate financial support for any minor children.
- Yes  No In my judgment their marriage is likely to demonstrate a sign of the spiritual union between Christ and his Church.
- Yes  No I am willing to solemnize the marriage if consent is granted.
- Yes  No I am satisfied that the couple (or at least one party with the support of the other) intends to live out their marriage in the community of the Church.
- Yes  No At least one calendar year has elapsed since the date of final decree for each person as applicable.
- Yes  No All matters of property and custody have been settled.
- Yes  No I appropriately discussed with this couple any differences they bring to the marriage in terms of age, income, religious discipline, patterns of conflict, or ongoing family concerns.

*The following question is for situations where either or both parties have been divorced, or had marriages annulled, more than once.*

- Yes  No I have received from a professional counselor a statement concerning this couple. The statement is attached along with my explanatory letter.

I request consent of the bishop for me to solemnize this marriage.

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*Signature of Priest*

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED for the solemnization of a marriage between the persons named herein on or after the following date.

Given under my hand and seal

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The Rt. Rev. Frank S. Logue, Bishop of Georgia

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Date